



# Sodbury Town Council

16<sup>th</sup> March 2022

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of **Environmental & Leisure Committee** to be held in **The Charter Suite, Chipping Sodbury Town Hall** on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022** at **19.30** for the purpose of transacting business as prescribed in the Agenda below.

**Committee Members:** Councillors: Brenda Allen (Chair), Scott Gibson, Chris Hays, Becky Romaine, Phil Rumney, Paddy Smith, Steve Spooner (Vice Chair) & Andy Williams

Cate Davidson  
Town Clerk

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

## Agenda

152. Apologies

153. Declarations of Interest

154. Approval of Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022

155. Matters Arising

156. Budget 2020/21 – Spend to date

To receive and consider the spend to date to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022

157. Contracts – Grass Cutting Contracts

### SGC Localism Buy-Back Contract

To **NOTE** the following:

- Town Clerk emailed all Members of the E&L Committee (14.02.22) outlining the details of the Grass Cutting Buy-Back Localism Contract currently provided by South Gloucestershire Council.

To summarise, SGC own and grass cut this land twice per annum. Sodbury Town Council has been buying back an additional 6 cuts per annum. The price quoted to continue this contract for the next financial year was £5,223.78 per annum.

Members were asked to consider whether to renew or cancel this contract for the year ahead, however it was noted that cancellation will have a positive ecological benefit and also will result in a significant cost saving

- 5 Members of the E&L Committee replied saying that the contract should be cancelled, with no responses to the contrary. 5 being a majority, so the contract was duly cancelled on 15.02.22
- To formally ratify the decision to cancel the SGC localism contract.

**158. Contracts – Watering**

To **NOTE** the following:

- Watering Contract Tender closed on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022
- One quotation was received from RD Janes
- Agree next steps.

**159. High Street Bins**

- To receive proposals from South Gloucestershire Council to install larger bins in Chipping Sodbury High Street
- To **NOTE** that photos of proposed bins were emailed to all Councillors by the Clerk and an example has been installed outside of the STC Offices
- To make an in principal decision in relation to this matter and ask SGC to come back with locations for consideration.

**160. S106 - Ridings Play Area Project**

To receive verbal update in relation to play equipment project for older children

**161. Sodbury Town Council Play Areas**

To receive update/ items for consideration

**162. Climate Working Group and Local Nature Action Plan**

To receive a verbal update

**163. Old Sodbury Woodland**

- To receive a verbal update from SWaN
- To receive and consider any proposals in relation to the woodland

**164. Items to Report**

**165. Date of next meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022**